

What is claimed is:

- 1                    1. A method for creating hierarchies via a network,  
2                    comprising:  
3                           sending an invitation to one or more entities to join a  
4                    hierarchy;  
5                           receiving, from the one or more of the entities, a request to  
6                    join the hierarchy based upon the invitation; and  
7                           adding information to the hierarchy.
- 1                    2. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a network  
2                    according to claim 1, wherein the information comprises a pre-paid account  
3                    of the sender of the request.
- 1                    3. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a network  
2                    according to claim 1, wherein the information comprises a post-paid account  
3                    of the sender of the request.

1 4. The method for creating customer  
2 hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, wherein the information  
3 comprises a pre-paid subscription of the sender of the request.

1 5. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a network  
2 according to claim 1, wherein the information comprises a post-paid  
3 subscription of the sender of the request.

1 6. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a network  
2 according to claim 1, wherein the invitation is a pre-paid account level  
3 invitation.

1 7. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a network  
2 according to claim 1, wherein the invitation is a post-paid account level  
3 invitation.

1 8. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a network  
2 according to claim 1, wherein the invitation is a pre-paid subscription level  
3 invitation.

1 9. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a network  
2 according to claim 1, wherein the invitation is a post-paid subscription level  
3 invitation.

1 10. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a  
2 network according to claim 1, wherein the entities are users and/or owners of  
3 pre-paid or post-paid mobile phones.

1 11. The method for creating customer  
2 hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, further comprising:  
3 transferring value between one or more subscriptions.

1 12. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a  
2 network according to claim 1, further comprising:  
3 reloading one or more subscriptions with configurable  
4 different values from one or more accounts.

1 13. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a  
2 network according to claim 12, wherein the one or more accounts are  
3 associated with different types of subscriptions.

1 14. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a  
2 network according to claim 1, further comprising:  
3 reloading one or more accounts with value from other  
4 accounts.

1 15. A method for creating hierarchies via a network,  
2 comprising:  
3 means for sending an invitation to one or more entities to join  
4 a hierarchy;  
5 means for receiving, from the one or more of the entities, a  
6 request to join the hierarchy based upon the invitation; and  
7 means for adding information to the hierarchy.

1 16. A method for creating hierarchies via a network,  
2 comprising:

3                    sending an account                    level and/or  
4                    subscription level invitation to one or more mobile phones to join a hierarchy;  
5                    receiving, from the one or more mobile phones, a request to  
6                    join the hierarchy based upon the invitation;  
7                    adding account and/or subscription information to the  
8                    hierarchy;  
9                    transferring value between one or more subscriptions  
10                   associated with the one or more mobile phones;  
11                   reloading the one or more subscriptions with configurable  
12                   different values from one or more accounts; and  
13                   reloading one or more accounts with value from other  
14                   accounts.

1                    17. The method for creating customer hierarchies via a  
2                    network according to claim 16, wherein the one or more subscriptions are  
3                    subscriptions of different types.

1                    18. A method for automatically creating hierarchies without  
2                    human processing via a network, comprising:  
3                    automatically sending an invitation to one or more entities to  
4                    join a hierarchy;  
5                    automatically receiving, from the one or more of the entities, a  
6                    request to join the hierarchy based upon the invitation; and  
7                    automatically adding information to the hierarchy.

1                    19. The method for creating customer hierarchies without  
2                    human processing via a network according to claim 18, wherein the  
3                    information comprises a pre-paid account of the sender of the request.

1                   20. The method for                   creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18,  
3 wherein the information comprises a post-paid account of the sender of the  
4 request.

1                   21. The method for creating customer hierarchies without  
2 human processing via a network according to claim 18, wherein the  
3 information comprises a pre-paid subscription of the sender of the request.

1                   22. The method for creating customer hierarchies without  
2 human processing via a network according to claim 18, wherein the  
3 information comprises a post-paid subscription of the sender of the request.

1                   23. The method for automatically creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18,  
3 wherein the invitation is a pre-paid account level invitation.

1                   24. The method for automatically creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18,  
3 wherein the invitation is a post-paid account level invitation.

1                   25. The method for automatically creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18,  
3 wherein the invitation is a pre-paid subscription level invitation.

1                   26. The method for automatically creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18,  
3 wherein the invitation is a post-paid subscription level invitation.

1                   27. The method for                   creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18,  
3 wherein the entities are users and/or owners of pre-paid or post-paid mobile  
4 phones.

1                   28. The method for automatically creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18,  
3 further comprising:  
4                   automatically transferring value between one or more  
5 subscriptions.

1                   29. The method for automatically creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18,  
3 further comprising:  
4                   automatically reloading one or more subscriptions with  
5 configurable different values from one or more accounts.

1                   30. The method for automatically creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 29,  
3 wherein the one or more accounts are associated with different types of  
4 subscriptions.

1                   31. The method for automatically creating customer  
2 hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18,  
3 further comprising:  
4                   automatically reloading one or more accounts with value from  
5 other accounts.